The Perumchani Reservoir Scheme.

185. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an irrigation scheme called the Perumchani Reservoir Scheme;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the approximate catchment area, waterspread areas, the cost, and the area that could be irrigated; and

(*c*) whether that would relieve the burden of opening the Right Bank channel?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The scheme has not been investigated. Without a thorough investigation, the information required by the member cannot be given.

Anonymous petitions received by the Tiruvattar Police.

186. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of anonymous petitions received by the Tiruvattar Police or petitions received by the superior officers and sent to the said Police Station for disposal; and

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of Police has taken note of such innumerable frivolous petitions?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) None.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

Road construction under the contribution system.

187. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any report till now (23-12-1929) from any of the executive officers as to the feasibility of road construction under the contribution system in the depressed class villages?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A report on the subject has been received since and it is now under the consideration of Government.

Depressed class members in the Police Department.

188. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of men from the depressed classes employed in the Police Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sixty.

Opening a Vernacular School in Cheramanturuti.

189. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware;

(*a*) that the Muslims of Cheramanturuti have applied to the Education Department to open a Vernacular School in a building erected by the local Muslims;

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(*b*) that there are a large number of Muslim boys of school-going age; and

(*c*) that they are kept at home without being sent to schools as there are no schools at present there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are some boys of school-going age.

(*c*) It is reported that a few boys are kept at home without being sent to school; but it is not known whether it is due wholly to the absence of a school at the place, since there is a school not very far from the place, which the pupils might attend.

Muslim inmates in the Government Hostel, Trivandrum.

190. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslim boarders in the Government Hostel in the beginning of the current school year (1929-30);

(*b*) the highest number of Muslim boarders in the hostel;

(*c*) their present number;

(*d*) the causes for the decrease in their number; and

(*e*) whether those who left the hostel got sanction to leave it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 12.

(*b*) 12.

(*c*) 2.

(*d*) It is reported that the cook in the Mahomedan mess resigned his appointment and it took some time to secure the services of a new man. In the meanwhile certain inmates of the mess desired to leave it and make their own arrangements. They were permitted to do so.

(*e*) Yes.

Boarding of the Muslim inmates of the Government Hostel.

191. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of days in 1105 during which the Muslim boarders of the Government hostel were compelled to take their meals from outside;

(*b*) the reasons for allowing them to take meals from outside; and

(*c*) the reasons why they were permitted to go out of the hostel?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is reported that no Mahomedan inmate was compelled to take meals outside the hostel. The Mahomedan mess was left without a cook for about 21 days. Consequently, the inmates were, at their request, allowed to take meals outside the hostel during the above period.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*d*) of question No. 190.

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